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### **REPLY ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

**Mail Stop RCE**  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 4, 2010, applicants request entry of this Reply submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Director is hereby authorized to charge the RCE filing fee of \$405.00 (small entity) as well as any other fees necessary to effect this filing, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 3220-100522.

**Amendments to the Claims** are provided beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.